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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The present format of the belyy bilet (white ticket; medical exemption certificate) is not known. Up to the end of the war it was a long sheet of paper approximately four inches by twelve, folded in three places. 25X1
2. Medical exemption from military service was granted on the following grounds:
 - a. Chronic tuberculosis, but not cases which could be cured. These were first sent for treatment, after which they came up again before a medical commission, and were then either enlisted or put in the reserve.
 - b. Disability of one hand, one leg, one eye, or complete deafness.
 - c. Complete invalidism, total incapacity for work.
3. The white ticket was valid for life.
4. Men drafted to infantry and labor battalions did not receive exemption on medical grounds, once they had joined their units. They had to serve their full time.
5. Technical units required fit men. If a man complained of illness soon after joining such a unit, he was sent back to his hometown for medical attention and observation. While he was under medical observation, his place of employment would endeavor to get him back. Some men succeeded in being put in the reserve and resumed their former occupations, while some were deferred only until the next draft.
6. In May 1951 fifteen recruits were returned from the 201st Latvian Guards Division in Riga; six of these recruits were from Lepaya. Of these six men, two were put in the reserve, and four had to join again in autumn 1951, at the next draft.

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